My dear Sir,

By the enclosed (when you receive it) you will see that my will was good to have you receive a letter from me by the 1st of January Steamship. It was just 12 o'clk. when I reached Havnden's office with the letter, and their Mail Bag was closed. It was then too late to get it into the Post Office. I was much chagrined at this - the more that I was not ~~tock~~ behind the regular hour at Havnden's. It was just 12 when I reached the office. Sometimes the letter bag there keeps open till 1 o'clock.

But as there's no use in lamenting what is past & cannot be re-called, I will only say, I will try to avoid the like in future; and will forward this by 5th January packet-ship, as no Mail Steamship will go again till February 1st.

Respectfully & Sincerely Yours

Samuel May.

January 1st 1847.

Mr May

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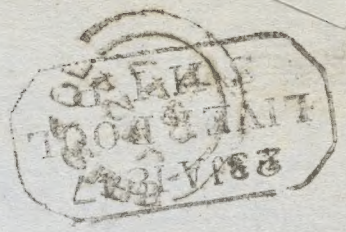

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